

(Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2271, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide grants for eligible entities for activities designed to expand the sales and use of biofuels derived from agricultural feedstocks produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2275

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2275, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to build safer, thriving communities, and save lives, by investing in effective community-based violence reduction initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2295, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 240

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 240, a resolution affirming the role of the United States in improving access to quality, inclusive public education and improved learning outcomes for children and adolescents, particularly for girls, in the poorest countries through the Global Partnership for Education.

S. RES. 289

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 289, a resolution designating June 2021 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month" and June 27, 2021, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 298—DESIGNATING JULY 15, 2021, AS "NATIONAL LEIOMYOSARCOMA AWARENESS DAY" AND THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 AS "NATIONAL SARCOMA AWARENESS MONTH"

Ms. STABENOW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 298

Whereas sarcoma is a rare type of cancer that—

- (1) arises in the connective tissue of the body; and
- (2) accounts for approximately 1 percent of all newly diagnosed cancers;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health designates sarcoma, which contains approximately 70 different subtypes, as a rare form of cancer;

Whereas sarcomas are largely resistant to current chemotherapy agents, immunotherapy agents, and radiation therapies, posing a formidable challenge for researchers and specialists;

Whereas sarcoma subtypes largely have not benefitted from immunotherapies because of the complexity of the DNA, genomes, and mutations associated with the many variations in the sarcoma subtype landscape;

Whereas leiomyosarcoma (referred to in this preamble as "LMS") is a malignant, aggressive subtype of sarcoma derived from smooth muscle cells typically of uterine, gastrointestinal, or soft tissue origin that can metastasize to the bone, spine, brain, and liver;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health classifies LMS, which encompasses at least 4 different LMS subtypes, as a rare disease, accounting for approximately 15 percent of all sarcomas;

Whereas LMS primarily affects adults without regard to gender;

Whereas, with respect to LMS—

(1) research and clinical trials remain complicated; and

(2) survival and longevity remain difficult;

Whereas multidisciplinary care coordination teams, because of their expertise and experience, are critical to the health of sarcoma and LMS patients;

Whereas sarcoma and LMS research will—

(1) allow medical professionals to improve the quality of care for affected patients;

(2) lead to better clinical outcomes; and

(3) promote longer survival for patients; and

Whereas increased education and awareness about sarcoma and LMS will contribute to the well-being of the communities of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 15, 2021, as "National Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day";

(2) designates the month of July 2021 as "National Sarcoma Awareness Month";

(3) recognizes the challenges faced by sarcoma and leiomyosarcoma patients; and

(4) commends the dedication of organizations, volunteers, researchers, and caregivers across the United States working to improve the quality of life of sarcoma and leiomyosarcoma patients and their families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299—COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. COTTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 299

Whereas, in 1971, President Richard Nixon established the National Center for Toxicological Research (referred to in this preamble as the "NCTR") in Jefferson, Arkansas, as part of the Food and Drug Administration (referred to in this preamble as the "FDA")—

(1) to provide scientific proof that United States consumers are protected from toxic chemicals, drugs, and other agents; and

(2) when appropriate, to determine safe levels of substances in consumer goods;

Whereas the FDA is responsible for—

(1) regulating domestically produced and imported food, cosmetics, drugs, vaccines, blood, biologics, medical devices, radiation-emitting products, animal and veterinary products, and tobacco products; and

(2) overseeing—

(A) the safety of every life in the United States; and

(B) more than \$1,000,000,000,000 worth of consumer goods, which are estimated to include \$466,000,000,000 in food sales, \$275,000,000,000 in drug sales, \$60,000,000,000 in cosmetic sales, and \$18,000,000,000 in vitamin supplement sales;

Whereas the NCTR is a research institution—

(1) housed in more than 1,000,000 square feet of facilities, including 123 laboratories across 30 buildings, in Jefferson, Arkansas;

(2) that has 680 employees who reside in 17 counties across the State of Arkansas; and

(3) that contributes approximately \$70,000,000 to the local, State, and national economies, including investments of approximately \$10,000,000 annually via construction, maintenance, and renovation projects that stimulate the local economy;

Whereas, in 2011, the FDA and the State of Arkansas composed a framework for a formal working relationship to foster stronger partnerships, leverage vital resources, and operate collaboratively to promote efficiency that has been continually renewed and supported by both parties;

Whereas the NCTR has a long history of providing scientific advice and training to researchers in government, academia, and industry at local, State, national, and international levels, which is exemplified by—

(1) training Ph.D. candidates and other researchers from universities in the State of Arkansas;

(2) collaborating with university researchers throughout the State of Arkansas; and

(3) providing millions of dollars in funding for university research throughout the State of Arkansas;

Whereas the mutual benefits between the NCTR and the State of Arkansas can only continue if the NCTR remains robustly supported by the Federal Government;

Whereas the benefits of the NCTR were heightened during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic when the Director of the NCTR, Dr. William Slikker, worked with the State of Arkansas to rapidly provide critical COVID-19 testing equipment to the Arkansas Department of Health; and

Whereas the NCTR will hold a 50th anniversary celebration on August 11, 2021, in Jefferson, Arkansas: Now, therefore, be it—

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 50th anniversary of the National Center for Toxicological Research; and

(2) recognizes the significance of the contributions made by the National Center for Toxicological Research and its relationship with the State of Arkansas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. MURRAY. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session